

Georgia Department of Transportation

2014 Legislative Session/Federal Update
October 16, 2013



2014 Legislative Agenda

- **October 2013**—Overview of State and Federal Code Review & Analysis.
- **November 2013**—Present Draft Legislative Agenda to Legislative Committee.
- **December 2013**—Approval of Legislative Agenda by Legislative Committee and Board.
- **January 13th, 2014**—General Assembly Convenes.

2013 Legislative Items

H.B. 202—Congressional Balancing/Value Engineering

- Exempted interstates and freight corridors (as approved by the board) from congressional balancing .
- Raised VE trigger from \$10M to \$50M.
- Board adopted freight corridor network.

S.B. 70—Design Build Best Value

- Authorized “best value” procurements and awards allowing both price and technical scores.
- Board adopted design build rules.

Code Revision

General Overview

- Working group comprised of Policy/Gov't Affairs and Legal offices.
- Assigned all transportation statutes both state and federal (including some regulations) to respective GDOT offices and divisions.
- Sections were reviewed through a structured analysis with follow-up meetings.
- Final review and meetings remain on-going to develop draft agenda for Board consideration.

Code Revision

Critical Analysis Highlights

In its evaluation, each office considered:

- Impact—definition, authorization, or mandate.
- Federal law/federal requirement.
- Reporting Requirements.
- Coordination with other GDOT offices/State agencies.
- Accuracy.
- Efficiency.
- Strategic Goals.
- Performance Measures.

Code Revision Outcomes

- Identify priorities for the 2014 Legislative Session to help streamline regulations and improve efficiency.
- Identify priorities for future legislative sessions.
- Strengthen department awareness of statutory requirements.

Federal Update

- Federal Shutdown/Debt Ceiling
- MAP-21 Reauthorization
 - Current Authorization expires October 1, 2014.
 - FFY15 Funding Levels and beyond.
- AASHTO Draft Recommendations
 - 5-year bill with 2+ years of funding.
 - Maintain at least level funding in FFY15 and beyond.
 - Consider existing and potentially new revenue sources.
 - Implement and evaluate current pending regulations and performance measures before authorizing new ones.

Conclusion

QUESTIONS?